



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Children Should:

- 🍊 Cross streets only at corners
- 🍊 Never cross between parked cars.
- 🍊 Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- 🍊 Walk facing oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- 🍊 Be aware of motor vehicles that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.
- 🍊 Never go into a stranger's house.

Parents Should:

- 🍊 Know the route their children will be taking.
- 🍊 Make sure children are accompanied by an adult.
- 🍊 Set limits on when children should return home.
- 🍊 Consider purchasing Halloween treats other than candy. Stickers, erasers, crayons, pencils and sealed packages of raisins and dried fruits are good choices.
- 🍊 Make sure trick-or-treaters will be safe when visiting your home. Remove lawn decorations and sprinklers, toys and bicycles, or anything that might obstruct your walkway. Provide a well-lit outside entrance to your home. Keep family pets away from trick-or-treaters.
- 🍊 Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- 🍊 Instruct children NOT to eat treats until they return home and parents have had a chance to inspect those treats.

Costume Safety Tips:

- 🍊 Costumes, masks, beards, and wigs should be flame resistant.
- 🍊 Costumes should be light, bright, and clearly visible to motorists.
- 🍊 Make-up is safer than a mask which can obscure vision.
- 🍊 Avoid oversized and high-heeled shoes that can cause a child to trip.
- 🍊 The child's name, address, and telephone number should be placed on trick-or-treat bags in case of an accident or lost child.
- 🍊 Children should carry a flashlight to easily see and be seen.
- 🍊 Trick-or-treat bags should not be too large. They can obscure vision or cause a child to trip.
- 🍊 Costumes should have reflective strips.

Halloween Hazards:

- 🍊 Dangerous sidewalks.
- 🍊 Dangerous dress (i.e., loose costumes, unsafe shoes, bulky trick-or-treat bags, masks which reduce vision, sharp or pointed toy weapons, dark costumes).
- 🍊 Open flames.
- 🍊 Treacherous "treats" – razor blades in apples (all fruit should be washed and cut into small pieces before eaten), tacks, or poisonous popcorn (discard unpackaged popcorn). Do not allow children to carve pumpkins.

Trick or Treat Hours . . . 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.